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# Lessons Learned Information Sharing LLIS.gov

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## LLIS.gov Resources for Emergency Planning for Persons with Disabilities and Special Needs

### A TOOL FOR ENHANCING NATIONAL PREPAREDNESS

*Lessons Learned Information Sharing (LLIS.gov)* is a US Department of Homeland Security/Federal Emergency Management Agency program. *LLIS.gov* serves as the national, online network of lessons learned, best practices, and innovative ideas for the emergency response and homeland security communities. This information and collaboration resource helps emergency response providers and homeland security officials prevent, protect against, respond to, and recover from terrorist attacks, natural disasters, and other emergencies. *LLIS.gov* provides Federal, State, and local responders with a wealth of information and front-line expertise on effective planning, training, and operational practices across homeland security functional areas.

### LLIS.gov at a Glance

- Online since April 19, 2004
- Over 56,000 registered members
- Over 15, 000 documents, including more than 1,800 state and local plans, 850 after-action reports, and 1,000 original content documents
- Secure message boards and collaboration tools
- Targeted information on current homeland security topics

Emergency Planning for Persons with Disabilities and Special Needs

Individuals with disabilities and members of other special needs populations often experience compounded challenges during disasters and emergencies due to reliance on accessible emergency communication and warning, accessible transportation, accessible shelter, medical power for medical devices and other aids, and access to essential medication. State and local emergency managers and responders are taking such measures as developing appropriate equipment and medications, putting in place plans for providing reasonable accommodation, and conducting outreach and training on these issues. LLIS.gov has assembled these plans, procedures, policies, guidelines, and LLIS.gov original research to promote the inclusion of individuals with disabilities and other special needs populations in all phases of the emergency management cycle.

LLIS.gov needs your help. Active feedback and input from our members enables LLIS.gov to expand exploration and helps us meet the ever-changing needs of the emergency response community. Please take time to improve your community: Submit After-Action Reports, Practice Notes, Lessons Learned, Plans, Templates, Strategies, and other relevant information.

Submit Lessons Learned and Innovative Practices | Submit Plans, After-Action Reports, and Other Documents | Email Comments, Experiences, and Observations

**FEATURED TOPIC: CHILDREN IN DISASTERS**

- Returnees/Disaster Crisis Management: National Lessons from Louisiana
- House Report of the National Commission on Children and Disasters
- The Disaster Shelter: Access to Children in the United States
- Protecting Children During US Emergencies
- Children and Disaster: The US Response

**Recent News**

- Public Preparedness: Considering the Elderly or Disabled? \*MAGN News - February 17, 2010 (19 Apr 2010)
- Residents urged to 'bunker' against gun February's snowstorm, Pittsburgh Tribune-Review - Pittsburgh, PA (05 Apr 2010)

**Forum**

Share your questions, concerns, experiences, observations, and recommendations in the Disabilities & Special Needs Forum.

**Training Programs**

- FEMA Independent Study Program: Security Needs: Disaster Preparedness for Seniors and Limited-Mobility
- Department of Justice, Justice Center, Public Preparedness to Protect and Liberate
- Emergency Management Institute (EMI): Emergency Planning and Special Needs: Fundamentals
- Emergency Preparedness and the Deaf and Hard of Hearing Community (2010)

**Legal Compliance**

- Transportation Security Administration Guidance on Travelers with Disabilities and Medical Conditions
- Americans with Disabilities Act and Emergency Preparedness and Response
- Domestic Airport Security: Assisting the Americans with Disabilities

**LLIS.GOV ORIGINAL RESEARCH**

**Good Stories**

- Mather LifeWays' "PREPARE" Training Program for Healthcare Workers
- Capital Guard School: Washington's Special Public Information Network
- Public Health Center and Ohio County's Vulnerable Populations Action Plan

**Lessons Learned**

- New Emergency Theory for the Evaluation of Special Needs Populations
- Special Needs: Addressing Emergency Communications: How with State and Local Services Agencies to Accommodate Special Populations in a Disaster
- Emergency Communications: Accessibility: Addressing Emergency Communications: How with State and Local Services Agencies to Accommodate Special Populations in a Disaster

**Practice Notes**

- Public Preparedness: Federal, Ohio, The Department of Justice, Crisis Response Team
- Public Preparedness: The Virginia Department of Emergency Management's State Disaster Preparedness Committee for Special Populations
- Emergency Communications: Accessibility: Addressing Emergency Communications: How with State and Local Services Agencies to Accommodate Special Populations in a Disaster

### EMERGENCY PLANNING FOR PERSONS WITH DISABILITIES AND SPECIAL NEEDS

The *LLIS.gov* Emergency Planning for Persons with Disabilities and Special Needs page is a one-stop resource for information related to improving emergency planning for persons with disabilities and other special needs, including children, seniors, and pet owners. Some of the page's features include:

- After-action reports and analyses;
- Brochures and templates;
- A disabilities and special needs forum;
- Funding sources documents;
- Legal compliance documents;
- A list of available training programs; and
- Personal preparedness documents.

### RELATED DOCUMENTS ON LLIS.GOV

*LLIS.gov's* Emergency Planning for Disabilities and Special Needs page includes a searchable library of documents that provide guidance on including people with disabilities and special needs in all phases of emergency management, such as:

- The Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) Best Practices Tool Kit for State and Local Governments: Emergency Management Under Title II of the ADA
- Model Policy for Law Enforcement on Communicating with People Who Are Deaf or Hard of Hearing
- Meeting the Needs of Vulnerable People in Times of Disaster: A Guide for Emergency Managers
- Emergency Communications: Wisconsin School for the Deaf's Visual Information and Alert System (Practice Note)
- Hurricane Preparedness for Individuals with Autism Spectrum Disorders
- Mather LifeWays's "PREPARE" Training Program for Healthcare Workers (Good Story)

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